

California's 31st Congressional District includes portions of historic South Los Angeles south of the 10 freeway, west of Alameda Street, east of the 110 freeway and north of Slauson Avenue.

The neighborhood includes [the boyhood home of Dr. Ralph J. Bunche](#) (1903-1971), a remarkable man who was the first person of color to receive the Nobel Peace Prize, in 1950. Central Avenue, a major thoroughfare in the area, was home to a vibrant jazz and intellectual scene in the 1930s where legends Duke Ellington and W.E.B. Du Bois frequently visited.

Many important artists and cultural icons grew up in South Los Angeles and graduated from Jefferson High School, including the choreographers and dancers Alvin Ailey and Carmen De Lavallade, jazz great Dexter Gordon, and actress Juanita Moore, among others.



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Nobel Peace Prize winner.*

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